



# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club  
November, 2021*



# Nationals

**Patrick Forden's 40+ 3.0 Men's Team**

## Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Got Rain?

Wow that was a LOT of rain we got here last weekend. I heard Walnut Creek got 7.5 inches! Needless to say the weather is coming and although we need the rain it does put a crimp in our tennis life.



**Sally Krapf**  
2021 WCRC President

Thanks to **Garvin Tom** and **Bob Walgren** who ran the winter doubles

tournament. Check out the results on the back cover!

Summer Singles Semi's and Finals were rained out but we should have the results for our December newsletter.

Thanks to **David Pintado** for once again running a successful tennis fund-raiser for the Tom Breza fund. You can check out the details on page 6.

Congratulations to **Patrick Forden** and his 40+ 3.0 men's team who went to Nationals last weekend! Check out the front cover and page 7.

The **WCRC Mixed Doubles League** is underway with matches being played; if you haven't signed up yet there is still time!

**Cameron Coltharp** just opened the popular WING (Winter/Spring) singles league. You can sign up on line information for the league can be found on page 10.

Have a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Have fun and see you on the courts!

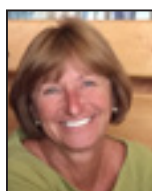
**Sally Krapf**



# M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our **17 New Members**  
Current Membership: **1465**

Don Altman	Walnut Creek	3.0	Jules Lennon	Lafayette	3.0
Dave Beeby	Walnut Creek	3.5	Ryan Micik	Oakland	3.0
Chris Cast	Clayton	4.0	Vijay Nagarajan	Walnut Creek	N.A.
Tyler Chavez	Clayton	4.0	Anthony Nguyen	Pleasanton	4.0
Yulia Costello	Piedmont	3.5	Anand Sahasram	Pleasant Hill	4.0
Lisa Henderson	Danville	3.5	Ahmad Shams	Walnut Creek	4.0
Phillip Johnson	Danville	N.A.	Bruno Walker	Walnut Creek	4.0
Alison Kubo	San Ramon	N.A.	Patrick Wong	Lafayette	3.0
Anthony Law	Concord	N.A.			



Membership questions contact:  
Pam Maloney at 925-787-3970 or  
email at: [pam4tenis@gmail.com](mailto:pam4tenis@gmail.com)



## Lifetime Activities

### What's Happening at the Courts?

#### OPERATING HOURS AT WCTC

**Monday – Friday: 8am-10:00pm • Saturday & Sunday: 8am-8pm**

**Masks Rules at the Courts** - Masks are recommended to be worn by all patrons when outdoors and social distancing cannot be maintained.

Masks are required to be worn over the nose and mouth by everyone when entering the Pro Shop!.

**Rain** - Friendly reminder, in case of inclement weather to call the office at (925)945-0105 to check on court conditions before your reservation to ensure that the courts are playable.

**Northgate High School** - Courts will be closed during the weekdays for the Winter, but will still be open on weekends starting at 8am. For further information please email [Laithk@lifetimeactivities.com](mailto:Laithk@lifetimeactivities.com).

**Holiday Camps** - Check out Holiday camps that are coming up in November and December!!! Further info can be found online!

#### Winter 2022 Youth and Adult Class Registration

Missed out on Fall Session 1? No worries, there are still plenty of spots in our Fall session 2 classes that you can still sign up for, and start classes on 10/23!

**Winter 2022 Youth and Adult Class Registration** - Winter session classes are open NOW! Winter 2022 Flyers is posted on [www.Lifetimeactivities.com](http://www.Lifetimeactivities.com), for any further questions please feel free to call the office.

**Visit us online at [www.lifetimeactivities.com](http://www.lifetimeactivities.com) or stop by the the office at 1751 Heather Drive.  
Please call with any questions at 925-945-0105.**

# Member Spotlight

## Euna Roh Comic Book Tennis Heroine Comes to Life!

*Interview and article by Deanna Fong*

*As an effort to get to know our membership the Board has decided to start a new monthly column "Member Spotlight". We will be interviewing WCRC members and getting to know them. This article will help us find out how they got introduced to tennis, their background, any favorite memories, etc. We hope you enjoy this new commentary.*

**A**lmost anyone who is at Heather Farm will either know who Euna Roh is or will know her smiling face. You will find her playing ladies or mixed doubles and sometimes singles. You might even know her from the Longest Day's Tennis Tournaments (honoring those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, for whom every day is the longest day), more about that later.

Euna was born in Seoul, Korea to two college sweethearts and has a younger brother. Her father was an athlete and this is likely where Euna gets her athletic genes from. Her mother is smart, patient and funny. She had a great childhood and is from a home where there was lots of love. One would never guess how Euna got interested in tennis. Around the age of 11, in Korea, there was a tennis comic book that fascinated her. It taught her about the game, how to keep score and the types of shots she could hit. Just by reading a comic book about tennis, she was hooked on the game!

Later, in middle school, she found out that the school district was fielding a tennis team. She and 7 other classmates shot their hands up in the air to indicate interest. Their teacher had to share disappointing news because only 1 person from her class could be selected. The teacher then asked, "Which student already had a tennis racquet?"

All the hands slowly went down, but Euna's shot back up! Little did anyone know that she didn't have one yet, and since she was the only one who said they had a racquet, she was selected for the team. After school that day, Euna asked her Dad if they could get her a tennis racquet. They came home with a Chris Evert wood racquet. The school's tennis team was quite large and during this first year, all the new team members only got to hold their racquets and practice their swings. Practice their swings?? Yup, no balls to hit, just swing the racquet as if they were hitting a ball. It was a very long first year for Euna. As she was anxiously looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year on the team, Euna's family moved to a different town, putting her tennis dream on hold.

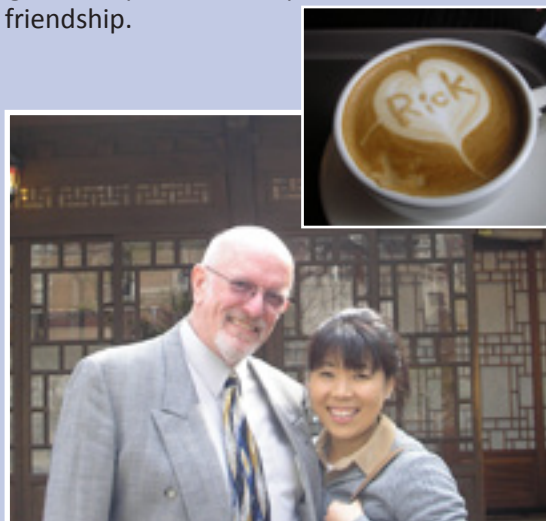
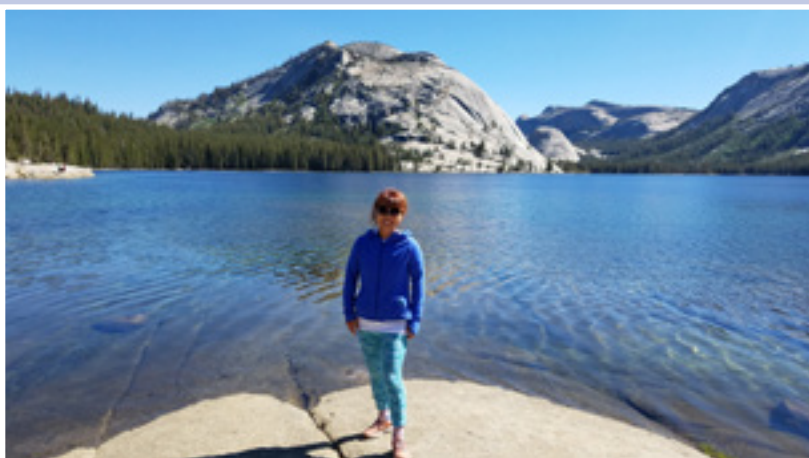
She kept her dream of playing tennis alive and finally, at age 17, Euna took private lessons over the summer for one month. When she got to University, she took lessons at 6 am, 5 days a week for 1 year and was hooked even more. She was at the tennis courts so much, her professors thought that she was an athletics major when she was really majoring in Korean Language and Literature Education.

After University, Euna worked for a Korean Media company



as an Executive Assistant to CEO for 12 years and at the same time, she was an Event Director at Top 300 CEOs group in Korea. After working very hard for many years, Euna resigned and decided to travel to Chicago and San Francisco. She had always loved to travel and before the age of 30 she had visited over 20 countries plus 15 – 20 cities in the US. At that time, Rick was also traveling to Chicago to attend the conferences for Alzheimer's Association. In Feb. 2008, Euna met Rick on one of those flights and they chatted the entire time. It was love at first sight. Over time, she and Rick got married in Korea in 2012. She moved to the States and they lived in Antioch. After 15+ year hiatus, she wanted to play tennis again. Euna started playing at Heather Farm in 2015 as a self-rated 3.5. Heather Farm has the best sunsets, gardens and is a great place to enjoy nature and these are the reasons she chose to play here. Some of the people that Euna first met were: Isabella Feinberg, Moe Satcher and Glenn Mc Bee. Rick would often come to watch her play and cheer her on. He found that she knew everyone and wondered if she could help set up a Longest Day event with Tennis? He did it for golf, why not tennis? Euna had never organized anything in the States before and Rick told her he would help and work/organize and all she had to do was play tennis. When she heard this, she was all in. She's since gone on to organize 5 Longest Tennis Rally Days and even managed to raise funds during 2020/ Covid. Since 2016, about \$50,000 has been raised for the Longest Tennis Rally/Alzheimer's Association.

Sadly and suddenly, Rick passed away in January 2018. Euna misses him terribly and he lives on in her heart. Her father has passed on, her mother and brother and his family are still in Korea and she tries to visit when she can. Euna still plays ladies and mixed doubles and singles on rare occasions and much of the tennis community is her new 'family'. She fills her life with other passions: tutoring and teaching Korean to young students, the company of great friends and cooking Korean food. Euna is one of the most caring and generous persons and quite resilient! She is a super tough tennis player, a joy to be around and I'm grateful for our friendship.



# TOM BREZA

On Saturday October 23 we held a fundraiser and a round robin tennis tournament in honor of Tom Breza. Tom was the first President of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club and one of the people responsible for the courts at the Tennis Center at Heather Farm being built. Tom passed away 8 years ago and his friends and family raised funds to honor Tom's love of tennis and his desire to share the game with young people.



The WCRC was the administrator of the funds and chose the tennis program at Mt Diablo High School as the recipient of the funds. The program is led by David Pintado and the teams are coached by Jimmy Huang, both members of the WCRC. The program at MDHS has grown into a strong team supporting both the girls and boys teams.

This year we were able to raise over \$1,500 for tennis at MDHS. On hand was Penny and Doug Breza, Tom's wife and son. The tournament had over 28 participants, The winner on the Women's side was Michelle Estrada and Mark Vella on the Men's side.



## Walnut Creek 40AM3.0A at Nationals

*by J. Patrick Forden*

While the rain came down at home, we hit the courts in sunny Surprise, Arizona for USTA National Championships representing Northern California and the Walnut Creek Racquet Club. It's been an interesting couple of years in the USTA universe. My teams were queued up and aiming for Nationals trips in 2020 when everything ground to a halt. Even though USTA was shutdown, I kept my teams together - we continued to play on our regular practice schedule, even adding an additional evening each week. Everyone improved their game - and everyone kept their 2019 rating. When USTA rebooted, we were again ready for the battles that would lead us to Nationals.

Congratulations to my 40AM3.0 team for making it through all the challenges - fighting for every match and prevailing in those that mattered the most. It's a long road to get to National Championships - it takes unrelenting dedication, dig-deep performance, and teamwork. This team put the work in. My players and I enjoy a commitment to good sportsmanship and a genuine camaraderie on and off the courts that contributes to our repeated and continuing success in local league, playoffs, and championship tournaments.

The National Championships in 2021 are a bit unique. With no USTA ratings last year, there were a lot of over performing computer-rated players in addition to the usual lot of self-rated ringers. Everybody played hard - we held our own against our opponents. Almost every match was nicely competitive with many going to third set tiebreakers.

Everybody on the team made the trip: Ramkumar Annasami, Scott Bishop, Michael Bloomstein, David Bogdonoff, Gary Fiammengo, Jimmy Huang, Dan Kim, Michael Rubiano, Gary Scott, Greg Snyder, Balaji Venkataraman, Dale Welsh, Steve Zalewski, and myself the captain, Patrick Forden.

We finished at 2 wins, 2 losses - a strong showing with some great moments of glory!

Onward to 2022! Let's all make it a fantastic year with lots of good tennis.



# Nationals

# WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net))

MALE PLAYER

FEMALE PLAYER

Name	_____	_____
Mailing Address	_____	_____
City	_____	_____
ZIP Code	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Work or Cell Phone	_____	_____
E-mail address	_____	_____
NTRP level	_____	_____

WCRC Member? ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Division for which you are registering (please check one): Fill out a new form for additional levels.**

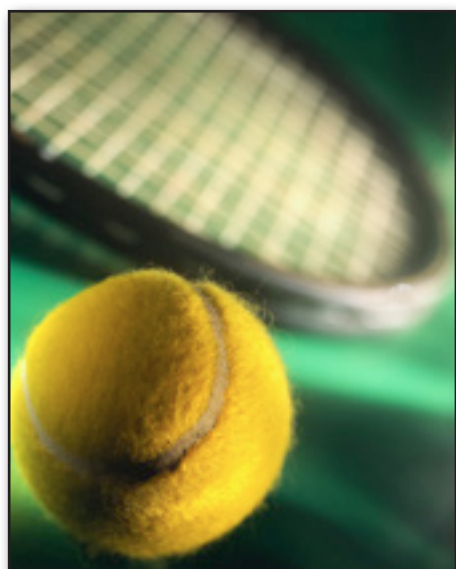
☐ Mixed 6.0

☐ Mixed 7.0

☐ Mixed 8.0

☐ Mixed 9.0

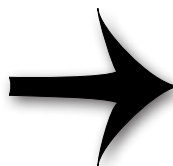
If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **December 1, 2021** with a check for registration fees (payable to Walnut Creek Racquet Club **NOT** WCRC) mail to: WCRC, P.O. Box 4574, Walnut Creek, CA 94596



**Questions?**

**Call Lynne Weinshelbaum at 925.285.9503  
or via e-mail [lweinshelbaum@yahoo.com](mailto:lweinshelbaum@yahoo.com)**

**Find detailed Information on next page...**



**League Information:** Players may enter the WCRC Mixed Doubles League in more than one division (i.e., 6.0 and 7.0), as long as he/she is not playing below his/her level. If a player is entering in more than one division, he/she may enter with the same partner or a different partner but may not enter with different partners at the same level.

# 2021 WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net))

Don't forget that the league registration fee includes unlimited regular season doubles matches, a league gift and may include an end of the season tournament dependent upon weather and court scheduling.

**LEAGUE COMMISSIONER** Lynne Weinshelbaum: 925.285.9503

**DATES** August 1, 2021 – January 26, 2022

**ENTRY FEES**

WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$40 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$50 per team)
Non WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$60 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$70 per team)

**FORMAT** Mixed Doubles  
(players grouped by combined NTRP level; ie. 7.0 can be a 4.0 man and a 3.0 woman or two 3.5 players)

**NTRP LEVELS** Mixed 6.0–9.0\*

**SCHEDULING** This is an open schedule. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches. Players will be provided with a contact list of participants within their division.

**MATCH FORMAT** Best two-out-of-three set format.  
A super tiebreaker can be played if all players agree, otherwise full third.  
Both teams responsible for bringing balls to match; winning team gets the unopened can.  
Matches should be played according to the "Rules of Tennis."

**TOURNAMENT** End of season tournament with draw determined by league standings to be held over the weekend of Feb 4–6, 2022 dependent upon court scheduling and weather. To qualify for the tournament, teams must have completed and reported at least 6 matches during the regular league season. Depending on the number of entrants tournament play may include Friday night play. In addition, draws with large numbers of players may be required to play matches prior to the tournament weekend. Seeding for the tournament will be based on regular season standings of the top 4 teams in each division. The more matches you and your partner play, the higher your ranking will be. A minimum of 4 teams are required to generate a draw.



\*Teams with ratings more than 1 full step apart (i.e. 3.0 & 5.0 to make up an 8.0 team) are not eligible to play the end of season tournament.



# 2021 Men's and Women's WING (WInter SpriNG) Singles Leagues Registration Form

Only  
\$10

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Rating:    ☐ 2.5            ☐ 4.5  
                         ☐ 3.0            ☐ 5.0  
                         ☐ 3.5            ☐ 5.5  
                         ☐ 4.0

I would like to enter the following division:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 3.0           | <input type="radio"/> Men's 3.0           |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 3.5           | <input type="radio"/> Men's 3.5           |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 4.0           | <input type="radio"/> Men's 4.0           |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 4.5/5.0       | <input type="radio"/> Men's 4.5/5.0       |
| <input type="radio"/> Women's 50+ (3.0-5.0) | <input type="radio"/> Men's 50+ (3.0-5.0) |

**50+ Division is 1 flight with ALL levels (3.0 - 5.0)**

I am a:    ☐ WCRC Member (\$10)  
              ☐ Non-Member (\$10)

Dates:            October 25th - April 15th

Entry Fee:        \$10 (per bracket)

Format:           Men's Singles/Women's Singles

Divisions:        Men's 3.0 - 4.5+ & 50+  
                         Women's 3.0 - 4.5+ & 50+

Scheduling:      This is an open schedule. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches. Players will be provided with a contact list of participants within their division.

Match Format:    Best best two out of three sets. When opponents agree, a super tiebreaker (10 point) can be used in lieu of the third set.

Match Site:       Any site mutually agreed upon

Scoring:           The winner is responsible for reporting the match score by logging on to [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net).

Standings:        Division standing will be updated on a real time basis as scores are posted

Tournament:      End-of-season tournament by arrangement for top 4 players in standings. Playoff matches to be complete 4/16 to 5/31.

Match Min.:      1 match

Checks to:        Walnut Creek Racquet Club (**NOT** WCRC)  
                         c/o Cameron Coltharp  
                         336 Blue Ridge Drive  
                         Martinez, CA 94553

Or Online:        [wcrc.net/login](http://wcrc.net/login)

Questions:        [camcoltharp@gmail.com](mailto:camcoltharp@gmail.com)  
                         510-717-2107

Only  
\$10

# CALENDER OF EVENTS 2021



Dec 3	USTA 70+ Team Season Closes
Dec 5	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Season Closes
Dec 5	USTA Combo Team Season Closes
Dec 9-12	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Playoffs
Dec 17-19	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Sectionals



## WCRC LEAGUES

**Summer Singles Tournament - by Nov 1st**

**Fall Mixed Doubles Aug 1 - Jan 22, 2022**

**Fall Mixed Tournament Feb 4-6, 2022**

**WING Singles - Oct 25 - April 15, 2022**

**Winter Doubles League - Dec 15 - May, 2022**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January 1 - August, 2021



### Income

League Dues	
Summer Singles League	3,577.81
WING singles	507.40
Winter Doubles League	2,953.04
Total League Dues	\$7,038.25
Membership Dues	9,810.75
Tournament Dues	0.00
Calcutta Tournament	25.00
Mid-Summer Night Tournament	20.00
Total Tournament Dues	\$45.00

**Total Income** \$16,894.00

**GROSS PROFIT** \$16,894.00

### Expenses

Board Meeting	228.57
Captains Meetings	456.19
Equipment	42.39
League Expenses	0.00
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$701.11
Total Winter Doubles Expenses	\$538.73
Total League Expenses	\$1,239.84
Office Supplies	301.93
Postage and Delivery	54.74
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$189.05
Rental Deposit	500.00
Rental Fees	800.00
Sectionals Fees	\$1,380.00
Taxes	25.00
Tournament Expenses	0.00
Total Mid Summer Tournament Expenses	\$974.07
Total Tournament Expenses	\$974.07
Total Website	\$919.65
Total Expenses	\$7,111.44
Net Operating Income	\$9,782.56
Net Income	\$9,782.56

**Balance through August, 2021** \$60,008.78

# Winter Doubles Results



## 3.5 Men's

Owen Tseng/Chris Lee defeated  
Alexander Michael/Agung Zakari  
7-5, 6-1



## 3.0 Women's

Rachel Shippee/Karlene Steelman defeated  
Michelle Weiss/Kelly Sanchez (walk over)



## 4.0 Men's

Steve Lehmer/Stephen Buchholz defeated  
Ying Xue/Jay Bains  
4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4)



## 3.5 Women's

Regina Hughes/Natalie Ivankovich defeated  
Tammie Snyder/Cassie Kim  
6-4, 6-2

## 4.0 Women's

Martha Spanos/Kristin Westergard defeated  
Gail Pearson/Thuy Nguyen  
6-1, 6-1

